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1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF SYG REPORT (A/C.5/1673) ON ACCOMMODATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK AND SANTIAGO. COMMITTEE THEN BEGAN LENTHY DISCUSSIONS OF PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES, BUT DID NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION ON COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION(A/C.5/1241 REV.3) OF OTHER RELATED DRAFT DECISIONS. IT APPROVED UK PROPOSAL TO DELAY DISCUSSION OF ITEM 100 (PATTERN OF CONFERENCES) UNTIL SYG COULD DO A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES REPORT AND ACABQ COULD COMMENT ON SYG REPORT. END SUMMARY

2. ACCOMMODATIONS. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF SYG'S REPORT RE ACCOMMODATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK AND SANTIAGO (A/C.5/1673). PHILIPPINES DEL ASKED WHETHER CONSTRUCTION DELAYS COULD BE PREVENTED BY REQUIREMENT OF PERFORMANCE BONDS. SECRETARIAT REPLIED THAT UN REQUIRES BANK GUARANTEES IN LIEU OF PERFORMANCE BONDS.

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3. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES.

COMMITTEE HEARD LENGTHY INTERVENTIONS BY THE FRG, COLOMBIA, ALGERIA, MOROCCO, AFGHAINSTAN, PAKISTAN, CANADA, TUNISIA, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, UK, USSR, AND US. MOST DELS SUPPORTED COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH ALGERIA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS OPPOSED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3. FRG AND UK MADE ELOQUENT STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF FREE PRESS AND OBLIGATION OF OPI TO AVOID PROPAGANDIZING. USDEL (STOTTLEMYER) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT PER STATE 265592. SINCE DISCUSSION HAD REVALED WIDE DIVERGENCE OF OPINION, COMMITTEE VOTED, AT REQUEST OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ALGERIA, TO ADJOURN DEBATE ON SUBJECT.

4. PROGRAM OF WORK.

CHAIRMAN REPORTED TO COMMITTEE THAT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (C/C) YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HAD DECIDED TO AMEND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ITS REPORT BY DELETING ALL REFERENCES IN IT TO COMMENTS TO ACABQ. THIS WOULD PERMIT FIFTH COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP ITEM 100, PATTERN OF CONFERENCES, ON NOVEMBER 13 SINCE IT WOULD NO LONGER HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ACABQ REPORT. UK, HOWEVER, PROPOSED THAT SYG ISSUE A REPORT COMMENTING ON THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATION OF THE C/C REPORT, THAT THE ACABQ IN TURN COMMENT ON SYG REPORT, AND THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE DEFERE TAKING UP ITEM 100 UNTIL IT HAD BOTH REPORTS IN HAND. A SPIRITED DEBATE ENSUED. IRAN SAID ACABQ WAS ALMOST READY NOW WITH A REPORT AND WAS ONLY AWAITING FURTHER INFO FROM SECRETARIAT, WHICH WAS SO SLOW THAT IRAN HAD LOST ALL CONFIDENCE IN IT. USSR CONTENTED SECRETARIAT SHOULD LONG SINCE HAVE PROVIDED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON C/C REPORT AND WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET BECAUSE THAT REPORT HAD RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD ENTAIL REDUCTIONS IN SYG'S BUDGET. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL TUTLDEGE SAID SECRETARIAT HAD NOT FELT OBLIGED TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON C/C REPORT, THERE BEING ONLY ONE OR TWO ITEMS IN CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES WHICH WOULD HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT ON BUDGET ESTIMATES. SECRETARIAT WAS STILL DIGGING FOR INFO FOR ACABQ, BUT IT REQUIRED LENGTHY CHECKING WITH FIELD. FINALLY, COMMITTEE APPROVED UK PROPSAL BY CONSENSUS, ON CODITION UNCLASSIFIED

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(AT IRANIAN INSISTENCE) THAT SECRETARIAT SET FOR ITSELF TARGET DATE AND NOT STRING OUT PREPARATION OF ITS REPORT INDEFINITELY. AT NEXT MEETING, NOV. 13 P.M. COMMITTEE WILL RESUME ITEM 101 (PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION), PB SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, AND ITEM 106 (UN PENSION SYSTEM). MOYNIHAN

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